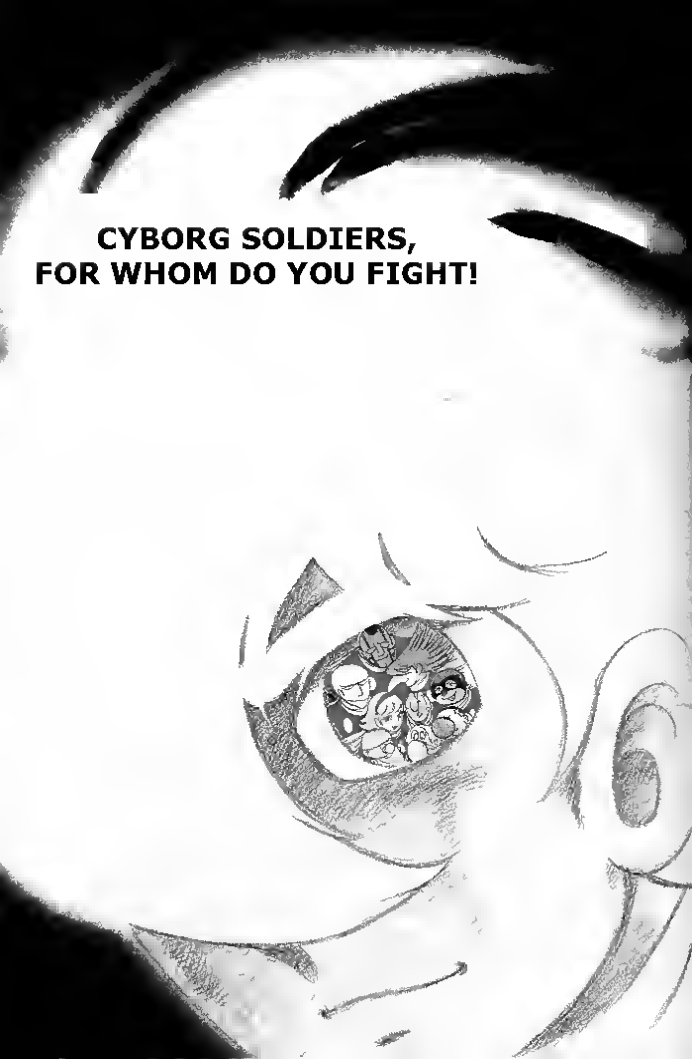
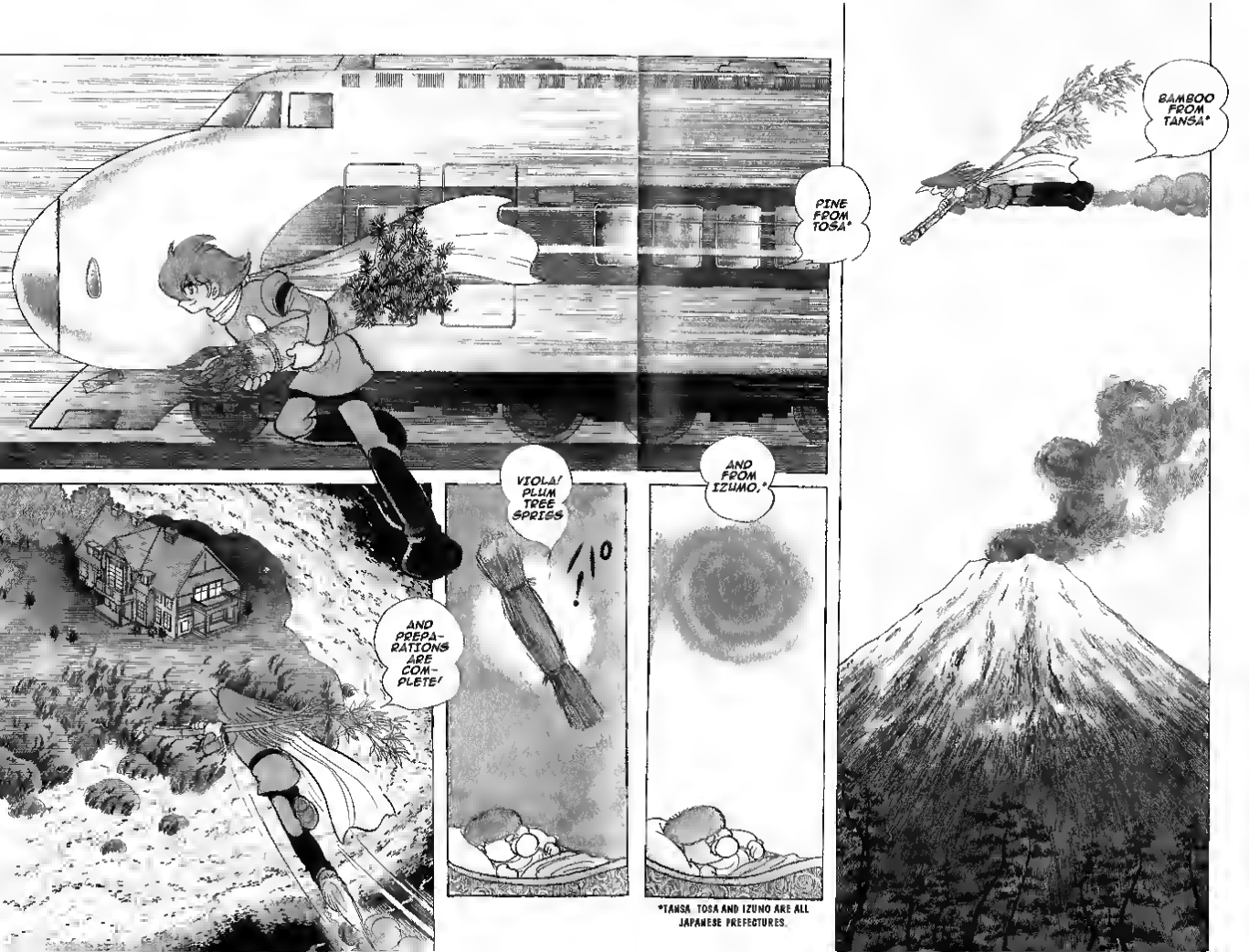

CYBORG SOLDIERS,
FOR WHOM DO YOU FIGHT!



*TANSA, TOSA AND IZUMO ARE ALL JAPANESE PREFECTURES.

HUH?!
OH!
OOH, HOLD ON FOR A MOMENT.
WHY NOT LET EVERYONE WHO HASN'T GOTTEN TO DO ANY-THING YET CUT ONE STALK EACH?
BETWEEN YOU AND 002 WE'VE GOT SIX STALKS OF BAMBOO, SO
JUST FINISH-ING IT UP SO QUICKLY IS NO FUN
002 GOT THE BAMBOO. 004 BROUGHT THE PINE, 001 TELEPORTED US HERE. AND 004 STARTED TO MAKE IT,
I SEE!
AHAHAHA
W...WHAT? BUT...
THAT LEAVES ME AND
LET'S SEE.
ASIDE FROM THEM,
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
OHOHO, WITH ALL THIS WE CAN MAKE AN AUTHENTIC KADOMATSU*
GREAT JOB, EVERY-ONE!
NOW I'VE JUST GOT TO CUT THE MIDDLE STALK DIAGONALLY AND WE'LL BE DONE
JUST LEAVE CUTTING THE BAMBOO TO ME

*KADOMATSU: A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE DECORATION FOR THE NEW YEAR. PLACED IN FRONT OF HOMES TO WELCOME ANCESTRAL SPIRITS.

DR GILMORE
005
007
008
LAUGHING
DID YOU GET BITTEN BY THE "BUG OF IRRATIONALITY" THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE? YOU'VE BEEN STAYING TOO LONG IN JAPAN
003!
AND OF COURSE 003
THIS SOUNDS FUN!
LET'S DO IT!
YA YA YA
I'LL GO GET THE KNIFE
ACCORDING TO THE BOOK I READ, A KADOMATSU WELCOMES THE GOD OF THE NEW YEAR INTO A PURE ENVIRONMENT,
YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT...
IN GERMANY, WE ONLY HAVE CHRISTMAS, SO I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO CELEBRATE JAPANESE NEW YEAR'S.
SORRY, BUT THAT'S SUCH A STRANGE REASON.
THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT IT'D BE MORE FUN IF WE ALL WORKED ON IT TOGETHER.

HOW INEFFICIENT I LL JUST DO IT ALL AT ONCE
THAT'S JUST AN EASTERN OR RATHER JAPANESE SUPERSTI-TION
*SHAKE SPEARE S JULIUS CAESAR (III 1) (YOU TOO BRUTUS?)
"ET TU, BRUTE?"*
THIS IS JUST THE WAY THAT OR GILMORE CELEBRATES NEW YEAR'S
DON'T YOU GREET CHRISTMAS IN EUROPE WITH THE SAME SORT OF CEREMONY?
WELL, OOH
EVEN THOUGH YOU, YOUR-SELF WENT AND GOT THE BAMBOO AT MACH 5,
WHY IS THE AMERICAN SIDING WITH JAPANESE FOLK BELIEFS AND ABSURD SPIRITUALISM?
THAT YOU JUST WANT TO GET ON OO3'S GOOD SIDE?
OR COULD IT BE,
?!
DON'T GET ALL COCKY JUST BE-CAUSE YOU'VE GOT A KNIFE-ARM THAT'S CONVENIENT FOR CUTTING BAMBOO! MR. FULL-BODY WEAPON!
WE'RE COMRADES, SO THERE'S THINGS YOU SERIOUSLY SHOULD AND SHOULDN'T SAY!
W- WH-WHAT DID YOU JUST...?

YA WANT A PIECE OF ME JERK WAD?!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, YOU DAMNED JAPANESE MANIAC!
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH A "CONVENIENT" BODY HERE NOW AM I?
WELL, EXCUSE ME FOR HAVING A KNIFE FOR AN ARM!
JUST STOP IT!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
STOP IT!
ARGUING WITH A TEAMMATE OVER SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT ON EARTH IS WITH YOU TWO?
EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE GOT TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE...
YOU TWO ARE HORRIBLE!!
?

DON'T WORRY, DR GILMORE!
I WON'T CAUSE ANOTHER "FALLING OUT"
BE-CAUSE,
I DON'T FEEL LIKE WORK-ING WITH YOU GUYS ANYMORE
GOOD-BYE!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THIS MAKES NO SENSE!
OOH!
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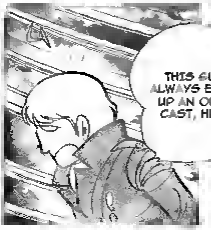
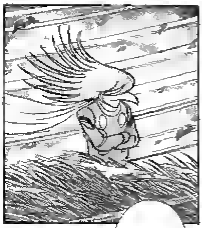
YEAH WELL, THE FEELING'S MUTUAL! WE DON'T WANT YOU AROUND EITHER!
GO SCREW YOUR-SELF!
BAS-TARD!

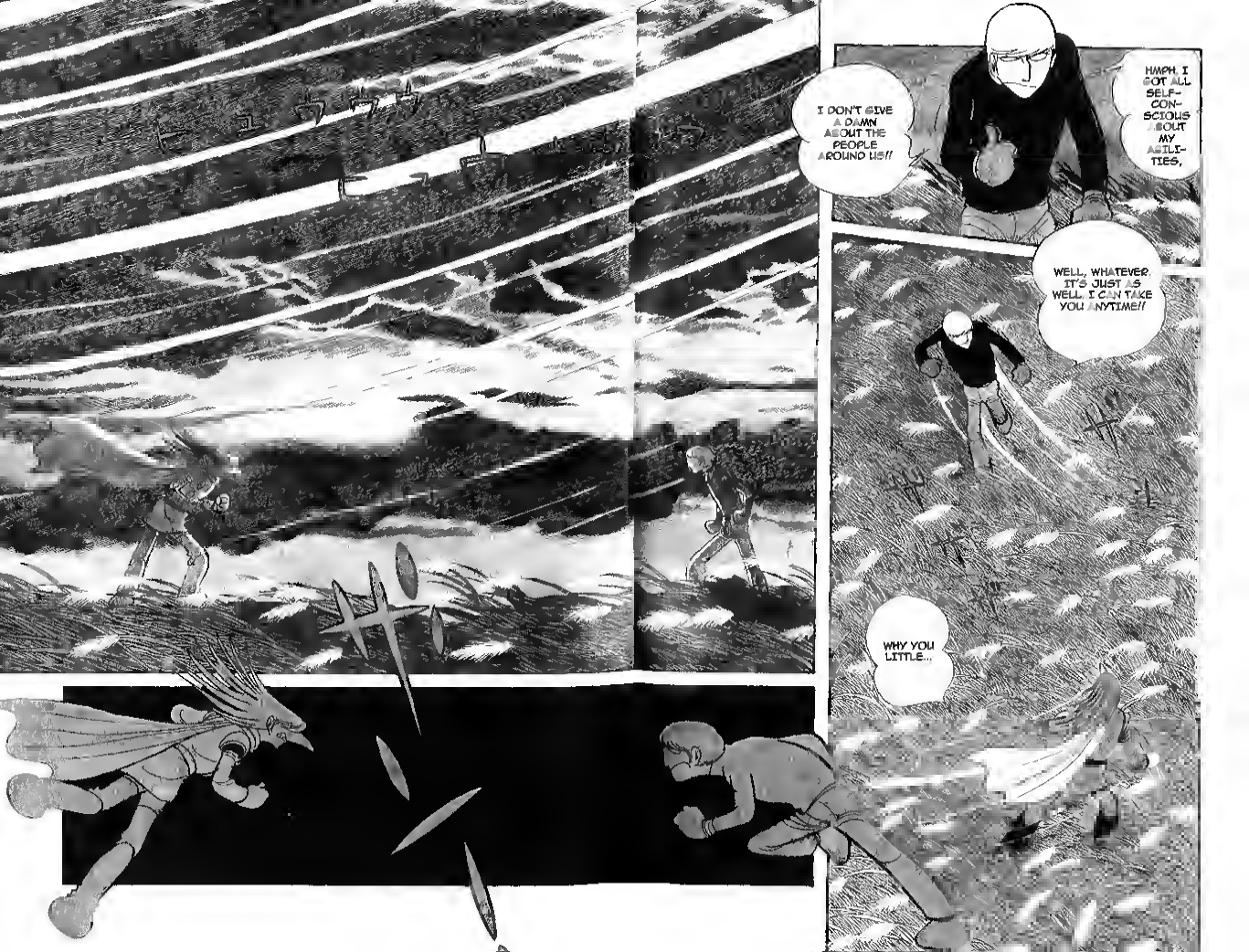

THIS GUY ALWAYS ENDS UP AN OUT-CAST, HUH.

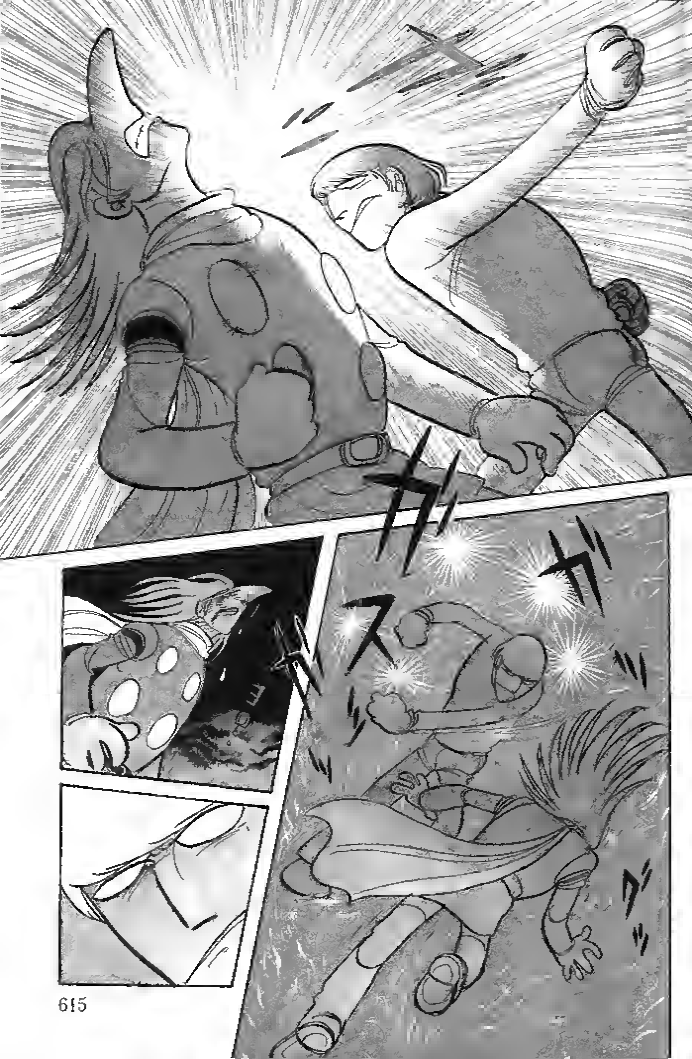


YOU BAS-TARD
OO2?!

TCH. NO FRE/KIN' WAY!
ALL THE FLIGHTS AND HOTELS ARE BOOKED BECAUSE IT'S NEW YEAR'S!

DO I HAVE TO MAKE A HABIT OUT OF TELLING YOU I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN?!
HUH.
I WAS WONDERING IF I SHOULD APOLOGIZE,
BUT YOU'RE STILL ANGRY.
SO WHAT IF I'M STILL ANGRY?
DID YOU ANTICIPATE THAT AND COME TO TEASE ME FOR IT?
YOU REALLY ARE A LOUSY BASTARD!
WE'RE SERIOUSLY NOT COMRADES OR ANYTHING ELSE ANYMORE. LET'S END THIS!!
FINE BY ME! I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT!
WE WON'T BE INTERRUPTED BY ANYONE HERE
HOWEVER,
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE YOUR "POWERS",
WE'LL FIGHT WITH OUR BARE HANDS I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER THE PEOPLE AROUND US


I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THE PEOPLE AROUND US!!
HMPH. I GOT ALL SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT MY ABILITIES,
WELL, WHATEVER. IT'S JUST AS WELL. I CAN TAKE YOU ANYTIME!!
WHY YOU LITTLE...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DON'T TELL ME 002. YOU WEREN'T BEING SERIOUS?!
NO WAY. THAT EASILY?
HANG ON, 002!
DAMNIT, WHAT HAVE I DONE?!
SO YOU WERE LETTING ME WIN!
I THOUGHT IT WAS TOO EASY.
BUT DON'T YOU FEEL BETTER?
HEH HEH HEH
I WAS COMPLETELY OWNED. YOU'RE STRONG, AS EXPECTED.
HELP ME UP.
I'M THE ONE WHO STARTED IT.
NAH, IT WAS MY FAULT ANYWAY.
I WAS WRONG. FORGIVE ME.
002

I WILL
COME HOME TO THE PLACE WHERE EVERYONE'S WAITING
I'M GLAD
I'LL GO ON AHEAD
WELL, I'LL LET THE OTHER GUYS KNOW EVERYTHING'S OKAY SINCE THEY WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU

Vodka
Vodka
004?!
WHAT HAPPENED? THOSE INJURIES...
SORRY ABOUT BEFORE.
HEY, 002.
Vodka
Vodka

YOU GOT BEATEN THAT BAD BY SOME ORDINARY PUNKS?!
I HAVE THE STRENGTH, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT, I GUESS
I WAS SO ANNOYED, I GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH SOME PUNKS AND LOST
HEH HEH HEH
YOU GOT BEATEN UP JUST FOR ME
I...I GET IT.
MOREOVER, I'M REALLY SORRY. I APOLOGIZE
WHATEVER, IT'S ALRIGHT I DESERVED IT
LIQUOR FROM OOI'S NATIVE COUNTRY VODKA WON'T YOU TOAST WITH ME?
OOH, HIT ME TOO!
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE
WHOOPS NO MORE HITTING SORRY
MOVING ON
Vodka
Vodka

*DANKE - PROST IS GERMAN FOR THANK YOU. CHEERS.

I WAS WRONG EARLIER. PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
003
IT'S ALL RIGHT ALREADY. IT'S ENOUGH THAT YOU CAME BACK.
004!!

IT'S BECAUSE I STARTED TO FEEL THAT WE WEREN'T ORDINARY PEOPLE.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THOUGHT I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY I GOT SO MAD THEN.
THAT THIS WAS ONLY A FALSE PEACE A SHAM.
JUST WAR MACHINES, PRETENDING TO BE AVERAGE
EXTREMELY PAINFUL AND MADDENING EVEN
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT IT WAS
BUT THAT'S WHY...FOR US EVEN JUST AN HOUR OF PEACE,
EVEN FALSE PEACE,
IS PRE-CIOUS.

I KNOW I'M FINE NOW.
BECAUSE YOU'LL BECOME EVEN LONELIER
IT'S TRUE THAT WE'RE NOT NORMAL PEOPLE, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIVE IN SOLITUDE
H-HUH? OOH, Y-YOU'RE UP ALREADY?
THANKS TO 002
WAIT, THEN IT WASN'T OOH THAT CAME TO SEE ME.
WELL, UH,
007 HAS WHAT?
007'S PASSED OUT FROM A COMBINATION OF HIS DRINKING AND INJURIES
W-WE HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM?
BUT 007 IN DISGUISE?!

A HAPPY NEW YEAR
007 WAS WORKING FRANTICALLY TO RESTORE THE TEAM-WORK WE ALMOST LOST. EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR A MOMENT.
THAT'S RIGHT!
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